



News from West Valley City Hall

July 2012

City Council Members:

- Mike Winder, Mayor
- Corey Rushton, At-Large
- Don Christensen, At-Large
- Tom Huynh, District 1
- Steve Buhler, District 2
- Karen Lang, District 3
- Steve Vincent, District 4

Public Meetings

City Council – first four Tuesdays of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Planning Commission – second and fourth Wednesday of the month at 4 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

City Phone Numbers:

Main Number..... 801-966-3600
 City Manager..... 801-963-3220
 Police Department. 801-963-3386
 Police Dispatch..... 801-840-4000
 Fire Department..... 801-963-3336
 Justice Courts..... 801-963-3590
 Emergency 911
 Family Fitness Center..... 801-955-4000
 Garbage Questions 801-955-3720
 Storm Water Utility.. 801-963-3448
 Housing Authority . 801-963-3320
 Parks and Rec..... 801-955-4000
 Harman Home 801-965-5822
 Stonebridge Golf Course..... 801-957-9000
 West Ridge Golf Course..... 801-965-5800
 Graffiti Hot Line 801-963-3467
 Animal Services..... 801-965-5800
 Victims Services 801-963-3223
 Ordinance Compliance 801-963-3289
 Utah Cultural Celebration Center 801-965-5100

Website:

www.wvc-ut.gov

West Valley City Hall
 3600 S. Constitution Blvd.
 WVC, UT 84119

City Hall Hours:
 Monday – Thursday
 7 a.m. – 6 p.m.

WHAT TO DO ABOUT PANHANDLING?

By Mayor Mike Winder

As West Valley City continues to grow we are seeing many exciting urban developments like light rail trains and our first four-star hotel being built.

However, we are also seeing some urban trends that are less desirable like panhandling. It is not uncommon in our city this summer to see people standing on the edge of a shopping center parking lot asking for money.

Why is panhandling a problem? Money going to panhandlers would be much better used going to homeless shelters and other charities. Most panhandlers are not homeless and many use the money you give them to fuel addictions and other self-destructive behaviors. Those begging for money often can become aggressive and cause people to feel less safe. (See www.endpanhandling.com)

What can the city do? In March of this year the federal court ruled in *Wilkinson v. State of Utah* that panhandling is protected speech and anyone has a right to ask for help or money. We cannot remove a person from a public place just because they are panhandling. However, if

a panhandler follows you, touches you, makes threatening or violent gestures, blocks your path or engages in any behavior that makes you feel threatened or unsafe, please call the police.

How can YOU help? Be nice to panhandlers, but don't give them any money. When someone asks for spare change on the street, the best response is no response or a simple, polite "no." Panhandling is a business enterprise. As the business becomes less profitable, the number of panhandlers will also go down.

What is the best way to help the needy among us? Many in our city help our neighbors in need through their religious groups, such as the LDS fast offerings program, the recent Project Cornucopia led by the Granger Christian Church, and the Catholic Community Services' St. Vincent's Dining Room. Please also consider contributing to the Road Home or the Fourth Street Clinic. And if you encounter a panhandler that you believe is truly in need of immediate services, contact Volunteers of America, Homeless Outreach at 801-519-9721.



WEST VALLEY CITY
 Public Works Department
 Storm Water Utility

Sanitation and Storm Water Utility Billing Changes

Residents east of Redwood Road in West Valley City should have now received their Sanitation and Storm Water Utility bill directly from the City. Previously, these charges have been included on your Rocky Mountain Power bill each month. See your bill statement for City contact and billing specific information. When paying your bill, always be certain

to include your bill coupon (bottom portion of the bill), with your payment. This assures that your payment is applied correctly.

West Valley City will begin billing the remaining residents this Fall or early Winter. Until then, residents will continue to be billed upon their Rocky Mountain Power bill each month.

Amounts billed by WVC will be the same as has been charged by Rocky Mountain Power.

Sanitation service is \$13.30 per month, which includes one garbage can and one recycle can. There is a charge of \$6.45 per month for each additional can. The Storm Water Utility charges \$4.00 per month, for a typical residential property. Therefore the total basic charge for property owners is \$17.30 per month; plus additional charges for any extra cans. Residents will have the option to pay bills online or by mail. Residents will be notified prior to receiving their first Sanitation and Storm Water Utility bill via mail.

If you have any questions concerning the West Valley City Utility Billing, please call 801-963-3334 or visit www.wvc-ut.gov/utilitybilling.



POLICE-COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS
 America's night out against crime!

National Night Out Kick-off
Monday, August 6, 2012
 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
 Utah Cultural Celebration Center
 Patio and Festival Grounds
 1355 West 3100 South

National Night Out
Neighborhood Block Parties
Tuesday, August 7, 2012
 Register your block party today!

Family Safety Fair
Monday, August 13, 2012
 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
 Family Fitness Center
 Crossroads Area
 5415 West 3100 South

National Noon Out
Senior Safety / Health Fair
Tuesday, August 14, 2012
 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
 Harman Senior Recreation Center
 Multipurpose Room
 4090 South 3600 West

Police Safety / Health Fair
August 17-18, 2012
 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
 Valley Fair Mall
 3601 South 2700 West

www.wvc-ut.gov/nno



Use Caution to Celebrate

West Valley City would like to urge all residents to exercise caution when celebrating Pioneer Day. Per city ordinance, no fireworks of any kind are allowed in areas west of U-111. Additionally, the discharge of firearms is prohibited throughout the city.

To ensure safe and enjoyable holiday for you, your family and your neighbors, please adhere to the following guidelines:

- Only use fireworks that are allowed by state law.
- Please use common sense whenever you are around fireworks. Don't change or alter the fireworks in any way. Don't light them near or under a carport. Don't light them indoors.
- Don't shoot fireworks in windy conditions.
- Keep a bucket of water or running hose nearby during the time of lighting and disposing of fireworks and in case of an emergency.
- Light fireworks one at a time. Do not relight a firework whose fuse has burned away. Do not attempt to repair broken fireworks. Soak fireworks that did not ignite in a bucket of water. Once the firework is lit, get away quickly to a safe distance.
- Adhere to all state and federal laws and observe any fireworks restrictions in place if celebrating outside of city limits.



COME JOIN THE FUN

On August 17 beginning at 6 p.m., the American Cancer Society's Westbench Relay for Life invites all residents of West Valley City to come and celebrate. Teams will be walking the quad at Centennial Park (3100 South 5600 West) as the culmination of weeks of raising funds for

cancer research. Entrance to the celebration is free, but the activities have fees with proceeds going to cancer research. Activities will include: Dollar a minute massages by a local chiropractor; Bounce houses for the little ones; A Midnight Swim for anyone interested (\$5/adult, \$3/child); and many more. Direct donations to cancer research will also be accepted.

Come join with the Official Sponsor of Birthdays, the American Cancer Society, as we celebrate more birthdays this year as a result of more cancer survivors through cancer research. For more information contact: Don Christensen at donchristensen@comcast.net.



West Valley City City of Taylorsville Pet Health & Wellness Fair

**Saturday
September 29, 2012
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

**West Valley City
Animal Shelter
at City Park
4522 W 3500 S**



www.wvc-ut.gov/petfest

Harman Senior Recreation Center Activities

**4090 South 3600 West
801-965-5822**

The Harman Senior Recreation Center is a recreation and activity center for active seniors, offering a variety of fun and exciting classes, outings, and adventures. The Harman Center also offers a variety of informational seminars specifically for seniors.

July

**18 Midvale Choir
Entertainment, 11 a.m.**

**20 Bean Bag Toss,
10:30 a.m.**

20 Friday Flick, 10:45 a.m.

23 Yoga Class, 9:30 a.m.

**23 Lunchbeat Dancing,
11 a.m.**

24 CLOSED - PIONEER DAY

**25 Patriotic Sing-a-long,
11 a.m.**

**26 Easy Play Keyboard,
10 a.m.**

26 Play Auditions, 1 p.m.

**27 Bean Bag Toss, 10:30
a.m.**

**27 Fun Bunch Lunch, 10:45
a.m.**

30 Yoga Class, 9:30 a.m.

**30 Lunchbeat Dancing,
11 a.m.**

**31 LifeReview Presentation,
11 a.m.**

**For a complete
calendar, visit
www.wvc-ut.gov/harman**



Calendar

July

**12 Face of Utah Sculpture
(through August 29)
Utah Cultural Celebration Center**

**19 Days of '47 Rodeo
(through July 24)
Maverik Center, 7 p.m.**

**19 Ha: Breath of Life Presented
by the Polynesian Cultural
Center (through July 20)
Tickets Required: \$10;
available at the Utah Cultural
Celebration Center
Utah Cultural Celebration
Center, 8 p.m.**

**23 \$5 Feline Adoption Event
(through August 31)
West Valley City Animal Shelter**

**30 WorldStage! Free Summer
Concert Series: Rumba Libre
Utah Cultural Celebration
Center, 8 p.m.**

August

**1 Milk with the Mayor
Mayor's Office, West Valley City
Hall, 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.**

**2 Picnic at the Promenade
Fairbourne Station
10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

**6 National Night Out Kickoff
Event
Utah Cultural Celebration Center,
5:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.**

**6 WorldStage! Free Summer
Concert Series: National Night
Out with Red Desert Ramblers
Utah Cultural Celebration Center,
8 p.m.**

**7 National Night Out Block
Parties**

**8 WVC Watch Wednesdays:
Crime Prevention
West Valley City Hall, 6:30 p.m. -
8 p.m.**

**11 2 with Talos
Valley Fair Mall, 2 p.m.**

**13 National Night Out:
Family Safety Fair
Family Fitness Center,
4 p.m. – 6 p.m.**

**13 WorldStage! Free Summer
Concert Series: World
Travelers
Utah Cultural Celebration Center,
8 p.m.**

**14 National Night Out:
Senior Safety Fair
Harman Senior Recreation
Center, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.**

**17 American Cancer Society
Relay for Life
Centennial Park, 6 p.m.**

Recycling Container

If your garbage or recycling container is broken or damaged, you may contact the Sanitation Division at 801-955-3720 to have the container replaced. There is no charge to replace containers that are broken or damaged through normal use. If containers have been damaged or abused by the resident, there will be a \$75.00 charge to replace the container.

